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SUBJECT: FITZGERALD DEPARTURE STATEMENT

1. RADIO BROADCASTS NIGHT JANUARY 6 CARRIED INFORMAL REMARKS MADE BY FONMIN FITZGERALD ON HIS DEPARTURE FOR US. HE SAID THAT, WHILE HE AND SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD BEEN PLANNING TO MEET FOR MANY MONTHS, MAIN REASON FOR SECRETARY'S INVITATION AT THIS TIME WAS PRESUMABLY IRELAND'S EC PRESIDENCY. TOP ITEM ON FITZGERALD'S AGENDA WOULD BE TO LEARN ABOUT U.S. ATTITUDES ON A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS THAT MIGHT EFFECT THE EC. HE PARTICULARLY MENTIONED RECYCLING OF PETRO-DOLLARS. (HE ALSO EMPHASIZED TO THE AMBASSADOR HIS DESIRE TO LEARN AND TO UNDERSTAND THE ATTITUDES AND THE SENSIBILITIES OF AMERICAN PEIOPLE AS WELL AS OF THE USG.)

2. IN REPLY TO A QUESTION, FITZGERALD SAID THAT HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO GIVE SECRETARY IRISH VIEWS ON NI SITUATION, INCLUDING "OUR FEARS OF WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IF THINGS GO WRONG." FITZGERALD DID NOT, HOWEVER ENVISAGE ANY PEACE-MAKING ROLE FOR THE SECRETARY. WHEN ASKED, FONMIN SAID THAT AMERICAN GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN VERY COOPERATIVE IN TRYING TO STOP THE FLOW OF IRA MONEY "WHICH HAS BEEN USED TO KILL PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY." UNCLASSIFIED

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| 3. COMMENT: ABOVE SUMMARY COMES FROM ROUGH NOTES AND MAY NOT DO |
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| FULL JUSTICE TO FITZGERALD'S REMARKS. IN OUR VIEW, THE STATEMENT |
| WAS HELPFUL. |
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